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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7341

BILL NUMBER: HB 1481

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 12, 2013

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Divisible Load Permits for Overweight Loads.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Slager

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
X DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: The bill authorizes the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) or a local authority to grant a single trip or single-route permit for transporting overweight divisible loads. It sets a fee for the permit for an overweight divisible load by INDOT. The bill provides definitions for equivalent single axle load mile and overweight divisible load.

Effective Date: July 1, 2013.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The bill would allow INDOT and/or local authorities (depending upon who has jurisdiction over the state highway, interstate highway, or local street) to grant permits for transporting overweight divisible loads for the transportation of metal commodities and agricultural commodities. A divisible load is defined as a tractor-semitrailer weighing more than 80,000 pounds that may be separated or reduced in order to meet the specified regulatory limits for weight and meet other requirements for height, length, and width.

Under the bill, the maximum weight for divisible loads hauling metal commodities is 120,000 pounds, and the maximum weight for divisible loads hauling agricultural commodities is 97,000 pounds.

INDOT is to adopt rules regarding the issuance, fee structure, and enforcement of divisible load permits not later than July 1, 2015. The bill's requirements are within INDOT's routine administrative functions and should be able to be implemented with no additional appropriations, assuming near customary agency staffing and resource levels.

Explanation of State Revenues: The fee for a permit issued in the bill consists of \$20 plus \$0.05 per equivalent single axle load mile. An equivalent single axle load mile is a unit used to quantify various types of axle loadings into a single number. The formula to determine an equivalent single axle load mile is contained within the bill.

Data on the number of vehicles and the equivalent single axle load mile of the vehicles who may be issued permits under the bill are unknown. Permit fees generated from the bill will be placed in the State Highway Fund.

Explanation of Local Expenditures: Local authorities may issue permits under the bill for divisible loads that utilize local streets under their jurisdiction.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Indiana Department of Transportation

Local Agencies Affected: Counties, cities, and towns.

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